

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Rumo Satake	Art Unit	: 2673
Serial No.	: 09/966,354	Examiner	: Amare Mengistu
Filed	: September 27, 2001	Confirmation No.:	3893
Title	: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND METHOD OF DRIVING THE SAME		

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Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY TO ACTION OF FEBRUARY 2, 2006

Claims 1-14, 16, 17 and 19-29 are pending with claims 1-3, 7, 11 and 19-22 being independent.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 6-10, 16, 19-23 and 25-29.

Claims 2, 5, 11-14, 17 and 24 have been rejected under section 112, first paragraph, due to an alleged failure of the specification to describe "simultaneously applying a common signal voltage to a plurality of pixel electrodes of a plurality of pixels connected to a signal line," as recited in claim 2, or "a second means for simultaneously applying the common signal voltage to pixel electrodes of the detected pixels," as recited in claim 11.

As discussed briefly in a telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned earlier today, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because the specification does provide support for these aspects of the claims. In particular, the Examiner is asked to consider the discussion in the application at page 7, line 24 to page 8, line 2; page 19, line 22 to page 21, line 12; page 23, lines 1-12; page 24, line 16 to page 25, line 14; and Figs. 5 and 6.

For example, at page 19, line 22 to page 20, line 2, the application, with reference to Fig. 5, describes a second means for applying a potential of a signal voltage to pixel electrodes of a plurality of pixels as including an X address decoder 204, video signal output means 205, a first Y address decoder 206, a second Y address decoder 208, a first level shifter 207, and a second level shifter 209. Later, at page 24, line 23 to page 25, line 14, and with reference to Fig. 6, the

application describes applying a signal voltage to a first pixel through an output pulse 213 while simultaneously applying the signal voltage to a second pixel through an output pulse 218.

Thus, the description does provide support for the claimed subject matter, and, accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

The action also includes an objection to the drawings for not showing the features of claims 2 and 11 discussed above. However, as discussed above, at least Figs. 5 and 6 show these features of the claims. Accordingly, this objection should be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Finally, as discussed briefly in today's telephone conversation, applicant believes that the finality of the rejection is improper. In particular, the rejections appear for the first time in the present action, and were not necessitated by applicant's amendment to the claims. For example, while claim 11 was amended in the prior response, the amendment was unrelated to the features of the claim upon which the rejection was based.

The fee in the amount of \$120 in payment of the one-month extension fee is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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